

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following marked up paragraph for the paragraph now appearing at page 8, lines 3-9 as follows:

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--The Clique Tree is a network structure where individual nodes are grouped into Cliques, and the Cliques are then arranged into a tree structure. Each Broker node can be linked logically to a number of ~~Brokers~~ Broker nodes, which are referred to as its neighbor ~~Brokers~~ Broker nodes. Communication between ~~Brokers~~ Broker nodes is on a equal level, with no "up" or "down" direction in the network.--